

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS AND ADDED CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-4 (Cancelled)

Claim 5 (Currently amended): A storage apparatus connected to a network, comprising:

~~storage area setting means for setting a plurality of storage areas in a storage unit;~~

~~identification information setting means for setting identification information for each storage area;~~

~~receiving means for receiving a file data with identification information;~~

~~storing storage means for storing the file data in each of a plurality of storage area areas corresponding to the received identification information; and~~

~~managing management means for managing charge usage information of related to a process executed on the stored file data, corresponding to each of the plurality of storage areas in which the file data is stored for each storage area; and~~

~~transmission means for transmitting the managed usage information to an accounting server.~~

Claim 6-7 (Cancelled)

Claim 8 (Currently amended): The apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising password setting means for setting a password for ~~processing~~ authorizing the process to the file data stored in each of the plurality of storage areas ~~for each storage area.~~

Claim 9 (Withdrawn): An information processing apparatus which can be connected through a network to an apparatus in which accumulation means is divided into a plurality of

accumulation areas and data is stored in each of the accumulation areas, comprising:

acquisition means for acquiring information about data stored in each of the accumulation areas;

management means for managing charge information about the information; and

calculation means for calculating a charge amount in each of the accumulation areas on the basis of the information acquired by said acquisition means and the charge information managed by said management means.

Claim 10 (Cancelled).

Claim 11 (Currently amended): A control method of controlling a storage apparatus connected to a network, the method comprising:

~~a storage area setting step of setting a plurality of storage areas in a storage unit;~~

~~an identification information setting step of setting identification information for each storage area;~~

~~a receiving step of receiving a file data with identification information;~~

~~a storing storage step of storing the file data in each of a plurality of storage area areas corresponding to the received identification information; and~~

~~a managing management step of managing charge usage information of related to a process executed on the stored file data, corresponding to each of the plurality of storage areas in which the file data is stored for each storage area; and~~

~~a transmission step of transmitting the managed usage information to an accounting server.~~

Claim 12 (Currently amended): A storage medium storing a program for controlling a storage apparatus connected to a network, the program executing:

~~a storage area setting step of setting a plurality of storage areas in a storage unit;~~
~~an identification information setting step of setting identification information for each storage area;~~
~~a receiving step of receiving a file data with identification information;~~
a storing storage step of storing the file data in each of a plurality of storage area areas corresponding to the received identification information; and
a managing management step of managing charge usage information of related to a process executed on the stored file data, corresponding to each of the plurality of storage areas in which the file data is stored for each storage area ; and
a transmission step of transmitting the managed usage information to an accounting server.

Claim 13 (Withdrawn): A control method of controlling an information processing apparatus which can be connected through a network to an apparatus in which accumulation means is divided into a plurality of accumulation areas and data is stored in each of the accumulation areas, comprising:

an acquisition step of acquiring information about data stored in each of the accumulation areas;

a management step of managing charge information about the information; and

a calculation step of calculating a charge amount in each of the accumulation areas on the basis of the information acquired in said acquisition step and the charge information managed in said management step.

Claim 14 (Withdrawn): A storage medium storing a program for controlling an information processing apparatus which can be connected through a network to an apparatus in which

accumulation means is divided into a plurality of accumulation areas and data is stored in each of the accumulation areas, the program executing:

an acquisition step of acquiring information about data stored in each of the accumulation areas;

a management step of managing charge information about the information; and

a calculation step of calculating a charge amount in each of the accumulation areas on the basis of the information acquired in said acquisition step and the charge information managed in said management step.

Claim 15-16 (Cancelled)

Claim 17 (Currently amended): The apparatus according to claim 16 5, wherein the processing for the file data is at least printing, polling transmission and forwarding.

Claim 18 (New): An apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said accounting server calculates usage fee of each of the plurality of storage areas in which the file data is stored.

Claim 19 (New): An accounting system including a storing terminal and an accounting server connected to a network,

said storing terminal comprising:

storage means for storing file data in each of a plurality of storage areas;

file management means for managing usage information related to a process executed on the stored file data, corresponding to each of the plurality of storage areas in which the file data is stored; and

transmission means for transmitting the managed usage information to said accounting server,

said accounting server comprising:

reception means for receiving the managed usage information from said storing terminal;

price management means for managing price information of processing executed on the file data; and

calculating means for calculating usage fee of each of the plurality of storage areas in which the file data is stored, on the basis of the received usage information and the managed price information.

Claim 20 (New): An accounting server connected to a network, comprising:

reception means for receiving usage information, which is managed corresponding to each of a plurality of storage areas in which file data is stored;

price management means for managing price information of processing executed on the file data; and

calculating means for calculating usage fee of each of the plurality of storage areas in which the file data is stored, on the basis of the received usage information and the managed price information

Claim 21 (New): A control method of controlling an accounting server connected to a network, the method comprising:

a reception step of receiving usage information, which is managed corresponding to each of a plurality of storage areas in which file data is stored;

a price management step of managing price information of processing executed on the file data; and

a calculating step of calculating usage fee of each of the plurality of storage areas in which the file data is stored, on the basis of the received usage information and the managed

price information.

Claim 22 (New): A storage medium storing a program for controlling an accounting server connected to a network, the program executing:

a reception step of receiving usage information, which is managed corresponding to each of a plurality of storage areas in which file data is stored;

a price management step of managing price information of processing executed on the file data; and

a calculating step of calculating usage fee of each of the plurality of storage areas in which the file data is stored, on the basis of the received usage information and the managed price information.